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SUBJECT: SCHUETZ MAINTAINS FOCUS ON BERLIN PRIOR

TO BREZHNEV VISIT

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1. SUMMARY: IN WAKE WIDESPREAD PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF SOVIET INTENTIONS RESULTING FROM FRACAS SURROUNDING SOVIET INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION IN BERLIN, GOVERNING MAYOR HAS BEEN HAMMERING ON THEME OF DELIBERATE SOVIET MISINTERPRETATION OF QA ( IN PARTICULAR INACCURATE CITATIONS USED IN USSR- GDR COMMUNIQUE MAY 13) TO PROTEST SOVIET UNION' S ALLEGED RELUCTANCE TO FULFILL COMMITMENTS UNDER QA. SCHUETZ HIMSELF WILL ATTEND AT LEAST ONE OFFICIAL FUNCTION DURING BREZHNEV VISIT TO DEMONSTRATE FRG BERLIN TIES, AND HAS ARRANGED FOR VISIT BY MINISTER- WITHOUT- PORTFOLIO BAHR TO BERLIN MAY 23 TO REASSURE LOCAL POLITICAL LEADERS REGARDING OUTCOME

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OF BREZHNEV' S VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN REGULAR WEEKEND SPEECH TO BERLINERS MAY 12, GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ REFERRED AGAIN TO DIFFICULTIES OCCASIONED BY SOVIET ARRANGEMENTS AND PRACTICES AT SOVIET INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION AND STATED THAT SENAT WOULD ENSURE THAT SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES WOULD NOT ARISE IN FUTURE ( REF A). HE ACCUSED USSR AND ITS EAST EUROPEAN ALLIES OF NOT RESPECTING COMMITMENTS AND PROVISIONS OF QA WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN' S TIES TO FRG. IN RARE REFERENCE TO WALL SHOOTINGS, SCHUETZ SAID THAT SENAT WOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK AN END TO USE OF FORCE AT THE WALL.

3. SCHUETZ ATTENDED SPD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN BONN MAY 14 AND REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED WITH CHANCELLOR THE ROLE OF BERLIN IN THE SOVIET- GERMAN TALKS. SCHUETZ INFORMED SENAT FOLLOWING DAY OF HIS TALKS WITH BRANDT AND SAID THE MINISTER- WITHOUT- PORTFOLIO BAHR WOULD COME TO BERLIN MAY 23, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BREZHNEV VISIT, TO REPORT ON UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN' S INCLUSION IN BILATERALS. SCHUETZ REPORTEDLY SAID BERLIN WOULD PLAY " IMPORTANT ROLE" IN GERMAN- SOVIET DISCUSSIONS. LOCAL PRESS ( PARTICULARLY SPRINGER NEWSPAPERS) PRAISED SCHUETZ FOR DEMONSTRATING " COURAGE AND INDEPENDENCE" FOR PUBLICLY DRAWING ATTENTION TO ISSUE OF BERLIN' S TIES WITH FRG WHILE CHANCELLOR AND OTHERS IN BONN PLAYED DOWN ENTIRE MATTER.

4. IN INTERVIEW WITH " DEUTSCHE WELLE" MAY 15, SCHUETZ ACCUSED BREZHNEV AND HONECKER OF INACCURATELY CITING A PASSAGE FROM QA, INASMUCH AS THEIR MAY 13 COMMUNIQUE STATED MERELY THAT BERLIN " IS NOT A PART OF THE FRG AND CANNOT BE GOVERNED BY THE FRG." ( REF B). SCHUTEZ SAID THAT COMMUNIQUE CITATION REFLECTED ONE- SIDED INTER- PRETATION WHICH SOVIETS AND ITS ALLIES INTENDED TO GIVE TO QA, I. E., BECAUSE IT FAILED TO ACCEPT TIES BETWEEN BERLIN AND FRG AS DEVELOPED PRIOR TO QA AND NEGLECTED TO MENTION POSSIBILITY FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT. ( IN ANNUAL LUNCHEON WITH THE BERLIN PRESS ORGANIZATION MAY 16, SCHUETZ AGAIN REITERATED HIS EARLIER CRITICISM OF THE IMPROPER CITATION FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QA IN USSR- GDR COMMUNIQUE.)

5. SENAT HAS INFORMED ALLIED MISSIONS THAT SCHUETZ HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN BONN" HERRENABEND" SCHEDULED MAY 18 DURING BREZHNEV VISIT. SCHUETZ ALSO WILL BE ON HAND IN BONN TO TAKE PART IN OTHER CEREMONIAL OR OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS.

6. COMMENT: RECENT SOVIET EXHIBITION, WHICH RESULTED IN STRONG CRITICISM OF GOVERNING MAYOR, PERSONALLY, APPARENTLY HAS FORCED HIM TO ADOPT A HARDER PUBLIC LINE WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET IMPLEMENTATION OF QA THAN HE WAS INCLINED OR WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO TAKE. SENAT OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT ONE POSITIVE FALL-OUT FROM EXHIBITION IMBROGLIO WAS FACT THAT IT SEEMED TO FORCE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S HAND IN OBTAINING BERLIN'S INCLUSION IN SEVERAL OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH SOVIET UNION. EMBOLDENED BY THIS FACT, AND BY FAVORABLE COMMENTARY ON HIS VERY RECENT STATEMENTS, SCHUETZ UNDOUBTEDLY HOPES TO RECOUP SOME OF THE LOSS OF PRESTIGE HE SUFFERED THESE PAST WEEKS, AS WELL AS TO OBTAIN SOMETHING FOR BERLIN IN THE BARGAIN. KLEIN

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